a time-frame for the disposal of the complaints. However, every endeavour is made to ensure expenditious settlement by monitoring the complaints sent to the concerned pension sanctioning/disbursing authorities.

Instructions were issued in January, 87 making the Heads of Departments/offices accountable for strict compliance of the Govt. orders for ensuring authorisation and payment of pension and gratuity, provisional or final, by the date of retirement on superannuation. The retiring employee who did not receive pension payment order/gratuity payment order on the date of retirement were also asked to bring such cases to the notice of this Ministry. Since April, 87, 25 cases were brought to the notice of the Deptt. of Pension and P. W. out of which 19 have been settled.

Casual labourers in Bhaba Atomic Research Centre, Bombay

369. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers working in Bhaba Atomic Research Centre, Bombay;

(b) whether they have fulfilled the conditions for absorption in regular posts; if so, the details of their total service till date;

(c) whether they have been regularised; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government are proposing to regularise their services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The number of Casual Labourers working in BARC as on 1-4-1988 is 121.

(b) and (c) The Casual Labourers are engaged in certain maintenance jobs and work connected with experimental field stations. Regularisation of Casual Labourers will depend upon vacancies of the appropriate trade and their satisfying the prescribed norms regarding suitability for regular employment.

(d) Yes, Sir. Regularisation of Casual Labourers is a continuous process. Such of the Casual Labourers who satisfy the prescribed conditions will be regularised after completing the required formalities.

Indian ships detained by Pakistan

370. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 147 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1988 and state whether the Indian ships hitherto detained by Pakistan have since been released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): No, Sir. The matter is still under the consideration of the Government of Pakistan.

Financial and other losses incurred in Sri Lanka by India

371. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our peace keeping efforts in Sri Lanka are costing more and more day by day in terms of money as well as forces;

(b) if so, what are the up-to-date details of (i) Financial losses and (ii) loss of personnel of our defence forces;

(c) how long Government propose to bear these losses; and

(d) whether any other alternative has been considered by Government to minimise the above losses; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (d) Upto 25 April, 1988, 417 IPKF personnel had been killed and 1298 injured in its operations in Sri Lanka. The detailed expenditure incurred so far in the operations, both direct and indirect, has not been computed.

The cost of the IPKF operations in Sri Lanka should be seen in the perspective of our commitment. The IPKF has been sent to Sri Lanka with the specific mission of implementing the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement and to ensure the security and safety of all communities in the Northern and Eastern provinces of that country. However, the operations are under constant review and channels are open to all the groups involved for negotiations.

Production of Colour Picture Tubes

372. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present installed capacity for production of Colour Picture Tubes in the country; and

(b) the extent of indigenisation of Colour Picture Tubes that is possible with present investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Three plants for Colour Picture Tubes are presently under installation and only the first phase activity has started. Only one plant has recently taken up the second phase of production. All the three plants are likely to complete their installation and commissioning by the last quarter of 1988 with a total installed capacity of 1.75 million nos. Approximately 40 per cent to 50 per cent of the requirements of Colour Picture Tubes during 1988-89 are likely to be met from the local sources and almost full requirements during 1989-90.

Export of Black and White and Colour TV

373. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the latest estimate of the demand of Black and White and Colour T.V. sets in the country by 1992-93;

(b) what incentives and other policy measures are being pursued in order to ensure good quality and reliability of TV sets and to bring down the prices;

(c) whether there is any proposal to export Black and White or Colour TV sets from India; and

(d) if so, what is the estimate of exports in this regard by 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The latest estimate on the demand of Black and White and Colour T.V. sets in the country by 1992-93 is 60 lakhs and 23 lakhs respectively.

(b) The following incentives and measures have been taken by Government to ensure good quality and reliability of TV sets to keep the prices of the product at reasonable level;

(i) Issuing industrial approvals liberally with viable production capacity so that economies of scale are derived and healthy competition encouraged;

(ii) Broadbanding of Industrial Licence approvals for entertainment electronics in the audio and video product categories;

(iii) Electronic components industry has been delicensed and import of technology in this sector is liberally permitted;

(iv) Re-endorsement of industrial capacities with reference to the minimum economic scale of operation has been allowed for CTV production;

(v) The need for ensuring quality and reliability including safety of usage of CTV receivers through quality certification and other schemes;

(vi) The need for a minimum complement of production and test equipment at the manufacturer's premises; and

(vii) The need for standardization of critical components.